

A Time for Celebration

There are many reasons why the Christmas season is a great time of year. Most importantly, it is a time to remember the birth of Christ. However, like the many festivals throughout scripture, it also serves another purpose. From a very young age it helps to teach us to celebrate. I remember the excitement as a child of counting the months until we could start decorating. I still find myself doing that today! Celebration is important as it allows us to set aside a time to appreciate and get excited about the truly valuable things in life.

In 2 Chronicles 29-30, there is a great story about a time when the people of Judah had fallen away from their traditions and worship of the Lord. Why is that a great story? Because it is a story about a young king that came to the throne and brought about a reformation. He wanted to restore Judah back to a people that had a passion for God. He started by removing the idols that were distracting the people from God, reopened and cleansed the temple and immediately sent out a letter to the people inviting them to a celebration. He wanted them to celebrate the Passover in a way that they had not done in many years. This inspired the people and a revival began in Judah.

Couples sometimes find themselves in similar place in their marriage and need a revival. They become complacent, get too busy and lose a passion for each other. They allow too many personal idols into their lives that distract them from each other and they soon stop celebrating each other. When we stop celebrating each other, we will soon lose sight of the value of each other.

During this holiday season, ask yourself whether you have any distractions in your marriage. Remove those distractions and invite your spouse to celebrate your marriage. Celebrate it in such a way that after you celebrate, you want to celebrate some more and give praise to God.

Blessings,

Brian and Trudy

The whole assembly then agreed to celebrate the festival seven more days; so for another seven days they celebrated joyfully.

- 2 Chronicles 30:23